(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent quacks practicing medicine and promoting magic (Steriod based) drugs?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Health being a State subject, information is not maintained centrally regarding demands made by medicos in various parts of the country for action against quacks.

(c) The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Indian Medicine Central Council Act 1970 and the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 provide for registration of all the medical practitioners. Any person practicing in contravention, can be punished under the provisions of these Acts. Under the Drugs & Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisement) Act and Rules thereunder, State Drug licensing authorities are empowered to take action against individuals/manufacturers contravening the provisions of the Act.

Admission in Medical Colleges

1292. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Supreme Court in its recent judgement ordered reservation of 50 per cent seats to the State quota for admission in the Medical Colleges in MBBS course;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court further ordered that the State should be given power in fixing fees, monitoring of admissions, and the connected matters; and

(c) if so, whether Government have implemented the order of the Supreme Court earnestly?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 14.8.2003 in the case of Islamic Academy of Education and another vs. State of Karnataka and others has directed that the different percentage of quota for students to be admitted by the management in each minority or non-minority unaided professional colleges shall be separately fixed on the basis of their need by the respective State

Governments. The remaining seats shall be filled up by the State agencies themselves. However, for the academic year 2003-04 as the outer time limit for admission of students was fast approaching or had gone, as a temporary arrangement the Hon'ble Court directed that the seats be filled by the institution and the State Governments in the ratio of 50:50.

In the aforesaid judgement, the Hon'ble Court also directed that the respective State Governments shall set up two separate Committee headed by a retired High Court judge who shall be nominated by the Chief Justice of the concerned State. While the Hon'ble Court has clarified that each private institute shall have the freedom to fix its own fee structure, one of the above said Committees would decide whether the fees proposed by the institute concerned are justified and are profiteering or charging capitation fee. The fee fixed by the Committee shall be binding on the institute for a period of three years.

The Hon'ble Court has further directed that the management could select students, of their quota, either on the basis of the common entrance tests conducted by the State or on the basis of the common entrance test to be conducted by an association of all colleges of a particular type in that State, *e.g.* medical, engineering etc. The second Committee, which required to be set up by each State Government, shall ensure that the tests conducted by the association of colleges is fair and transparent.

Population control

1293. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister.of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that every sixth mother in the country is an adolescent;

(b) whether it is a fact that more growth in population is in the rural areas; and

(c) the steps Government propose to educate people in the rural areas for one child norm to control population explosion?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.